

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- FIG. 18 is a schematic cross sectional view of an embodiment of bearing unit according to the invention taken along line ~~Y-Y'~~ XVIII - XVIII' in FIG. 19; --.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- FIG. 19 is a schematic cross sectional view of the embodiment of FIG. 18 taken along line ~~X-X'~~ XIX - XIX' in FIG. 18; --.